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(54) Encrypting keypad module

(57) An encrypting keypad module (10) comprising a keypad (12) and an encryption unit (14) is described. The module (10) includes a reader (16) (such as a Smart card reader) for receiving a removable secure device (50) (such as a Smart card). The keypad module (10) is operable to communicate with the Smart card (50) and

to receive secure data therefrom. This secure data may relate to a new PIN key, a new encryption algorithm for use with a PIN key, or such like. An encrypting keypad system, and a method of changing secure information stored in an encrypting keypad module, are also described.

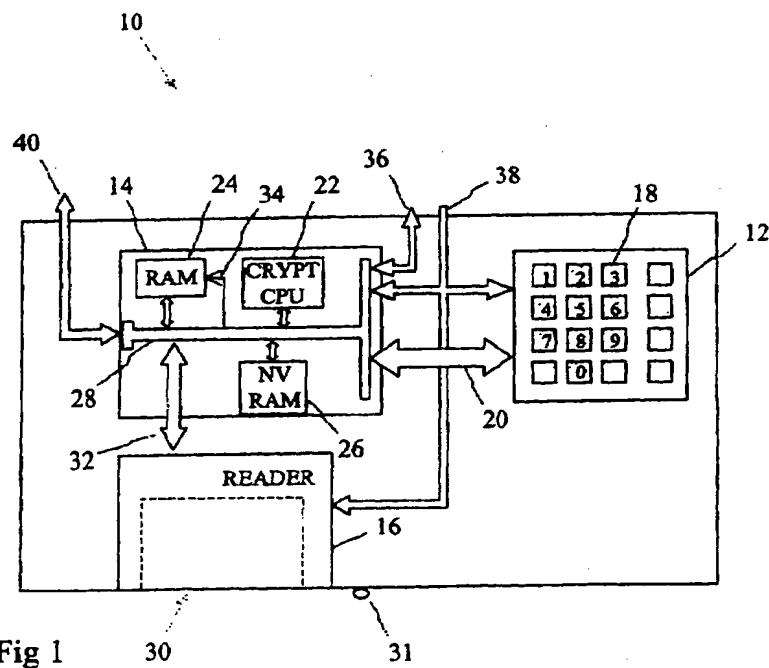


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